

# **Beyond the Policies Delivering the Practice**

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# The reality

- 750000 children every year
- 10% of adult women every year
- 25% of violent crime every year (16%?)
- Key factor for 63% of homeless women between 30 and 49
- 12 million incidents per year (NHS choices website)
- The cost to the NHS of repairing the physical damage to victims of domestic violence is estimated at £1.22 billion (NHS employers)
- The cost of mental health services related to domestic violence is estimated at £176 million (NHS employers)

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## **And:**

- Every child, victim and perpetrator will see the caring services at some time:
  - **Social worker**
  - **Police officer**
  - **Teacher**
  - **Housing Officer**
  - **GP**
  - **Midwife**
  - **Etc**

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# But:

- From our local research we know that:
- Survivors of DV are in contact with 5 agencies as a direct result of DV
- 90% were known to other agencies (excl Health)
- 36% of those had not had DV identified by any of the non-police agencies
- 90% of our victims had had contact with the Health Service (44% directly due to domestic violence)
- The more agencies a survivor attended led to increased identification of DV but not an increase in information sharing
- “Completing the Jigsaw” ([www.standingtogether.org.uk](http://www.standingtogether.org.uk))

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# So what to do:

- CCR
  - Partnership
  - Protocols
- Every agency
- No gaps
- Targets - v - money
  
- Individuals – Champions – Leaders
- Continuity

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